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From: John Gill <John.Gill@knoxcounty.org>
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To: Bill Gibbons <bill.gibbons225@gmail.com>
Subject: Things look complicated in Memphis

Bill-I saw the recent spate of homicides that is putting a damper on some of your good news and the video of the Beale Street stabbing featuring a bunch of people who appear to be sitting on a powder keg.

The new county mayor seems not to be a fan of the police department. I'm wondering to what degree he is going to support your effort. I attach two articles. I seem to recall you all have been using a program like Savannah's. The public health approach should hold promise, although the article speaks to his application in a very different culture and ignores the apparent recent failures in Chicago. I do think there is much to be gained by a public health approach, but only if it is done in coordination with law enforcement and prosecutors.

My view has always been there are just not enough public health resources and it must be understood this is not an "either/or" situation. I hope the new county mayor and other officials can grasp this.

You are a brave man to take all this on. I wish I could help. I will be available for lunch or dinner October 5 to 12, so I hope I get a chance to provide at least some moral support. We leave for three weeks in Venice and Croatia this coming Sunday. I'll still be checking on you-
John

Savannah (GA) Police Department's "End Gun Violence Program": Statistics Show Crime Reduction [Read](#)
WTOC (7/24/2018)

Should We Treat Crime as Something to be Cured Rather Than Punished? [Read](#)
The Guardian (7/24/2018)

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